

to the fact that the action so proposed had already been taken by the Commission in its vote on Voting Paper V.P.(54)87² :—

Withdrawal from the scope of Voting Paper V.P.(55)27 of the proposal submitted therewith in relation to the specific name “*pruni*” Scopoli, 1763, as published in the combination “*Aphis pruni*”

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On having occasion today to examine the File (Z.N.(S.) 428) containing the papers concerned with the application submitted by Professor F. C. Hottes regarding the proposed validation under the Plenary Powers of the specific name *pruni* Geoffroy, 1762, as published in the combination *Aphis pruni*, I realised that in one respect the action taken by the International Commission in its vote on Voting Paper V.P.(54)87 in relation to that case has anticipated and rendered unnecessary one of the recommendations submitted by Professor Hottes in his application (Z.N.(S.) 430) respecting the generic name *Phorodon* Passerini, 1860, and the specific name *humuli* Schrank, 1801, as published in the combination *Aphis humuli*, which forms the subject of the vote now in progress on Voting Paper V.P.(55)27.

2. The situation so disclosed has arisen in the following way. In his application regarding the specific name *pruni* Geoffroy, 1762, Professor Hottes did not include a proposal for the addition to the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology* of the specific name *pruni* Scopoli, 1763, action in that sense having been included in the application which he had submitted in relation to the generic name *Phorodon* Passerini and the specific name *humuli* Schrank. In the course of the consideration by the Commission of the first of these applications, the view was taken, however, that it would be more convenient to deal with the name *pruni* Scopoli at the same time that its senior homonym *pruni* Geoffroy was validated under the Plenary Powers. In pursuance of this decision a proposal that the specific name *pruni* Scopoli, 1763, as published in the combination *Aphis pruni*, be placed on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology* was incorporated in the proposal submitted with Voting Paper V.P.(54)87, and this proposal, in common with other

² See Footnote 1.

proposals submitted with that voting Paper, was approved by the vote taken by the Commission thereon.

3. In these circumstances the proposal that the specific name *pruni* Scopoli, 1763, as published in the combination *Aphis pruni*, should be placed on the *Official Index* which appeared as Point (3) in paragraph 6 of Professor Hottes' application regarding the generic name *Phorodon* Passerini and the specific name *humuli* Schrank, 1801, as published in the combination *Aphis humuli*, is no longer required, the desired action having already been taken by the Commission's vote on Voting Paper V.P.(54)87. Accordingly, as Secretary I hereby withdraw the foregoing proposal from the scope of Voting Paper V.P.(55)27.

8. The Prescribed Voting Period : As the foregoing Voting Paper was issued under the Three-Month Rule, the Prescribed Voting Period closed on 22nd February 1956.

9. Particulars of the Voting on Voting Paper V.P.(55)27 : At the close of the Prescribed Voting Period, the state of the voting on Voting Paper V.P.(55)27, other than on the question withdrawn from the scope of that Voting Paper by the Minute executed by the Secretary on 30th November 1955 (the text of which has been reproduced in paragraph 7 of the present *Opinion*) was as follows :—

- (a) *Affirmative Votes had been given by the following twenty-four (24) Commissioners (arranged in the order in which Votes were received) :*

Holthuis ; Hering ; Riley ; Vokes ; Mayr ; Jaczewski ; Lemche ; Prantl ; Dymond ; Esaki ; do Amaral ; Hankó ; Key ; Boschma ; Sylvester-Bradley ; Mertens ; Cabrera ; Bonnet ; Miller ; Tortonese ; Kühnelt ; Bradley (J.C.) ; Stoll ; Hemming ;

- (b) *Negative Votes, one (1) :*

Bodenheimer ;